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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
November 15, 2005

*Members Present:* Ms. Debra Bell, Dr. Mary Kamienski, Dr. Ernest Leva,  
Dr. Alfred Sacchetti, Mr. Daniel Sullivan

*Members Excused:* Dr. Frank Briglia, Ms. Mary Ellen Brock, Dr. Frank Cunningham,  
Dr. Martin Diamond, Ms. Carolyn Ferolito, Dr. Anthony  
Greenberg, Dr. Thomas Whalen

*Guests:* Mr. Steve Cohen, Ms. Linda Curtis, Ms. Marilyn Kent

*Department of Health and Senior Services:* Ms. Karen Halupke, Mr. Eric Hicken, Ms. Linda Woolverton  
Mr. William Duffy

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Ernest Leva at 10:15 a.m.

There was no official business conducted due to the lack of a quorum.

Review and approval of the minutes from May 17, 2005 will be postponed until the February 21, 2006 meeting.

Chairperson's Report

- School emergency preparedness
  - Dr. Leva expressed concern on the current available preparedness information for schools.
  - Existing plans seem to lack the integration of firefighters, law enforcement and EMS.
  - EMSC should research securing monies for a future conference on this topic.
    - If such a conference could be planned, the next steps would include suggestions as to who should be invited to attend and the best venue for such a conference (regionally, with one north, one south, perhaps each a half day.)
    - The conference audience should "require" school administration to attend along with school nurses.
    - Ms. Marilyn Kent was asked to research current NJ Department of Education preparedness requirements.

## OEMS Report

- Newsletter – Fall '05 finalized.
- Articles for Spring '06 newsletter due at the end of December.
- Fall 2005 School Nurses In-Service scheduled. This year's topic is students with allergies.
  - November 16 – Passaic County Community College, Wayne (172 attendees registered.)
  - November 19 – Middlesex County Fire Academy, Sayreville.
  - November 29 – Pine Hill Middle School, Pine Hill.
  - December 5 – Ocean County First Aid Academy, Waretown.
  - December 15 – Warren Hospital, Phillipsburg.
- Mid Atlantic EMSC Conference
  - November 2, 3, 4, 2005 in Carlisle, PA.
  - Ms. Karen Halupke, Ms. Nancy Kelly-Goodstein, Mr. Eric Hicken, and Mr. Dan Sullivan attended.
  - Proposed that the 2007 conference to be held in New Jersey, as a pre-conference for our State wide EMS conference (issues with federal funding for regional conferences.)
- 2006 EMSC Conference – November
  - Combined with statewide EMS conference.
  - Searching for potential speakers and topics.
    - Katrina disaster and how it affected the children.
    - Shootings in and out of schools.
    - NJ DHS Mobile Crisis response unit.
    - Mental health, youth suicide.
    - Please forward any suggestions for topics/speakers to Mr. Hicken.

## Old Business

- MEDPREP report – Mr. Dan Sullivan
  - Katrina response was the focus of the meeting.
- School Preparedness Kits
  - Going thru bid process – expected to be completed in December.
  - Removed AED's from the kit (keep cost down, increase number of kits for distribution.)
  - Selection process being finalized for kit distribution.
  - Expected completion date of June 2006.
- Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)
  - DHSS initiative to distribute to municipal police departments (including 250 to NJSP for troop cars.)
  - Follow up information to be completed by police departments include:

- Number of times used, and
- Aggregate patient demographics.

### New Business

- In Case of Emergency Program (ICE) – Mr. Steve Cohen (JCMC)
  - Cell phone users – program in an emergency contact and save in phone directory as “ICE”
  - NJ Hospital Association dedicated funds for ICE awareness program (posters, pocket cards, etc.)
  - Emergency Departments
  - NJ Hospital Association
  - Physician’s Offices
  - Children should participate as well (perhaps through school awareness)
- Mr. Jesus Cepero resigned his position with the EMSC Advisory Council as he has relocated to Washington, DC.
  - NJ Emergency Nurses Association has submitted the names of two candidates for Mr. Cepero’s position (Ms. Linda Curtis and Ms. Brenda Braun)
  - Ms. Linda Curtis, a nurse for 18 years, was introduced by Dr. Mary Kamienski.

### Meeting adjourned at 12:30

### **2006 Meeting Schedule**

\*Tuesday, February 21, 2006 (meeting times 10:30 am – 12:30 pm)

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Tuesday, August 15, 2006

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

NJ Hospital Association

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